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Healthcare: A wide-angled view

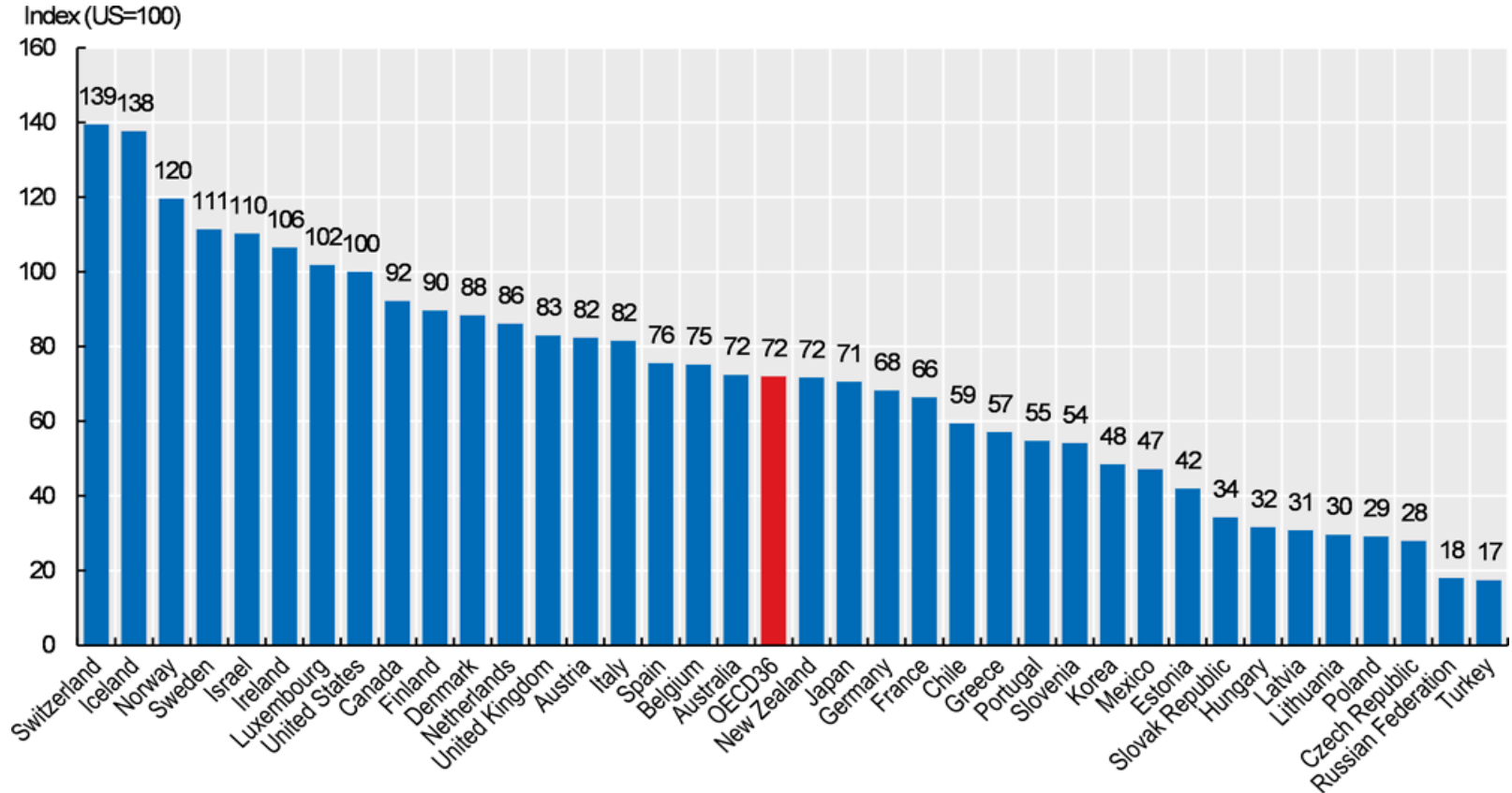
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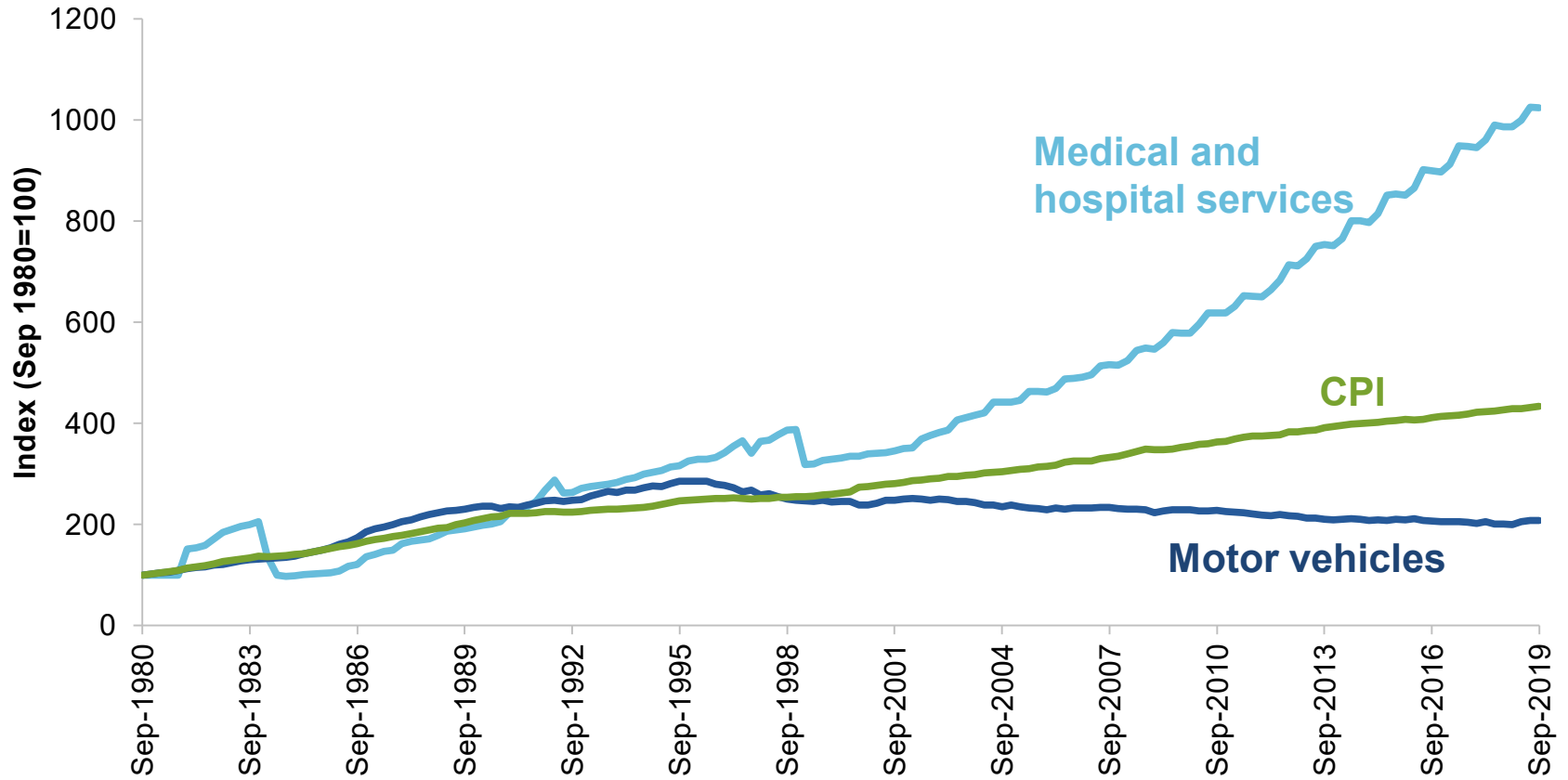
▶ The price of things = hours of work to buy

	1901	2000
Rent (3 bedroom)	14.6	10.7
Women's shoes	16.3	2.8
Concert	8.4	1.7
Beer (1 carton)	7.8	1.2
Rump steak (1kg)	1.6	0.5
Milk (1 litre)	0.34	0.06
Antibiotics	∞	0.4

▶ Health prices broadly reflect incomes (and a bit of policy)

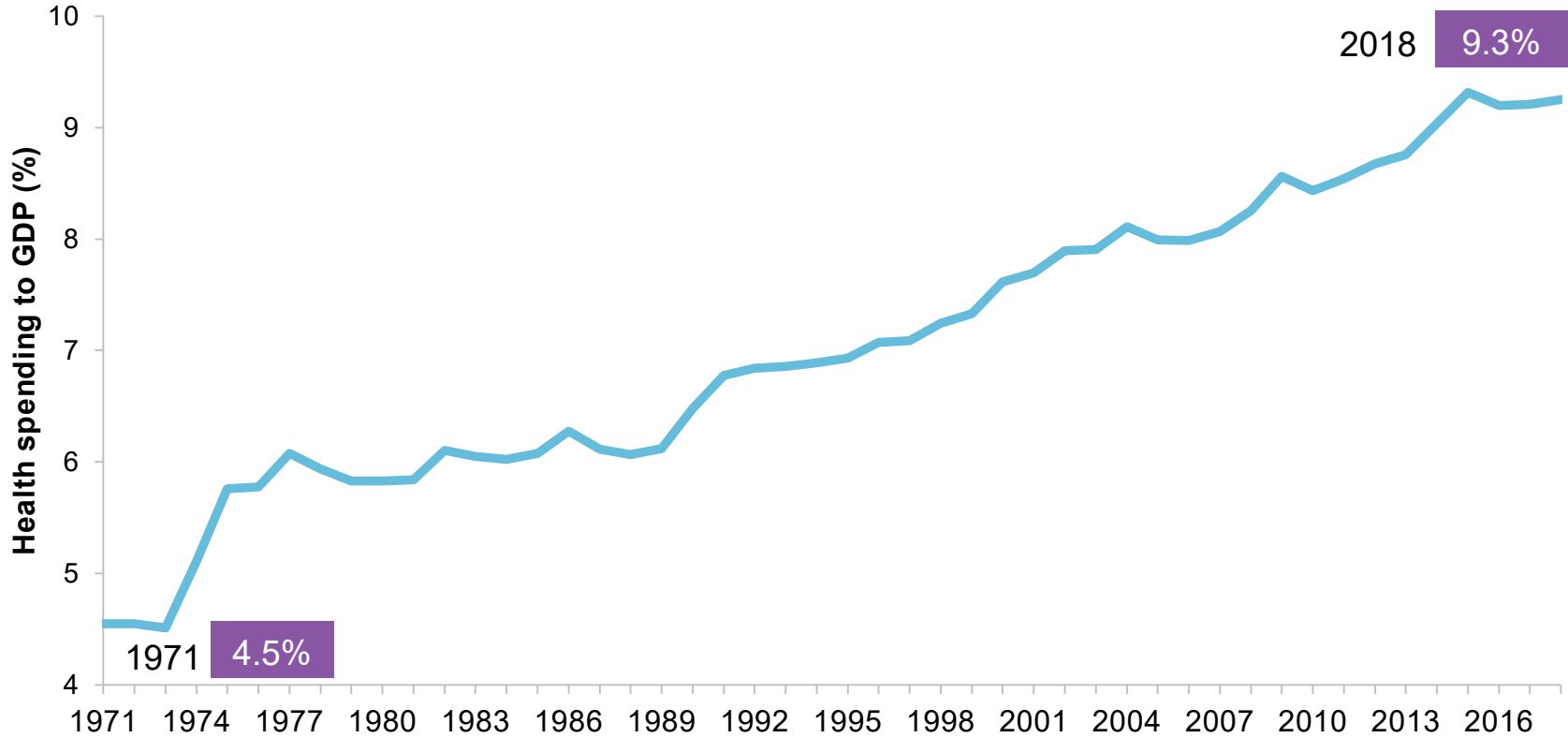


▶ Health prices outpace other prices

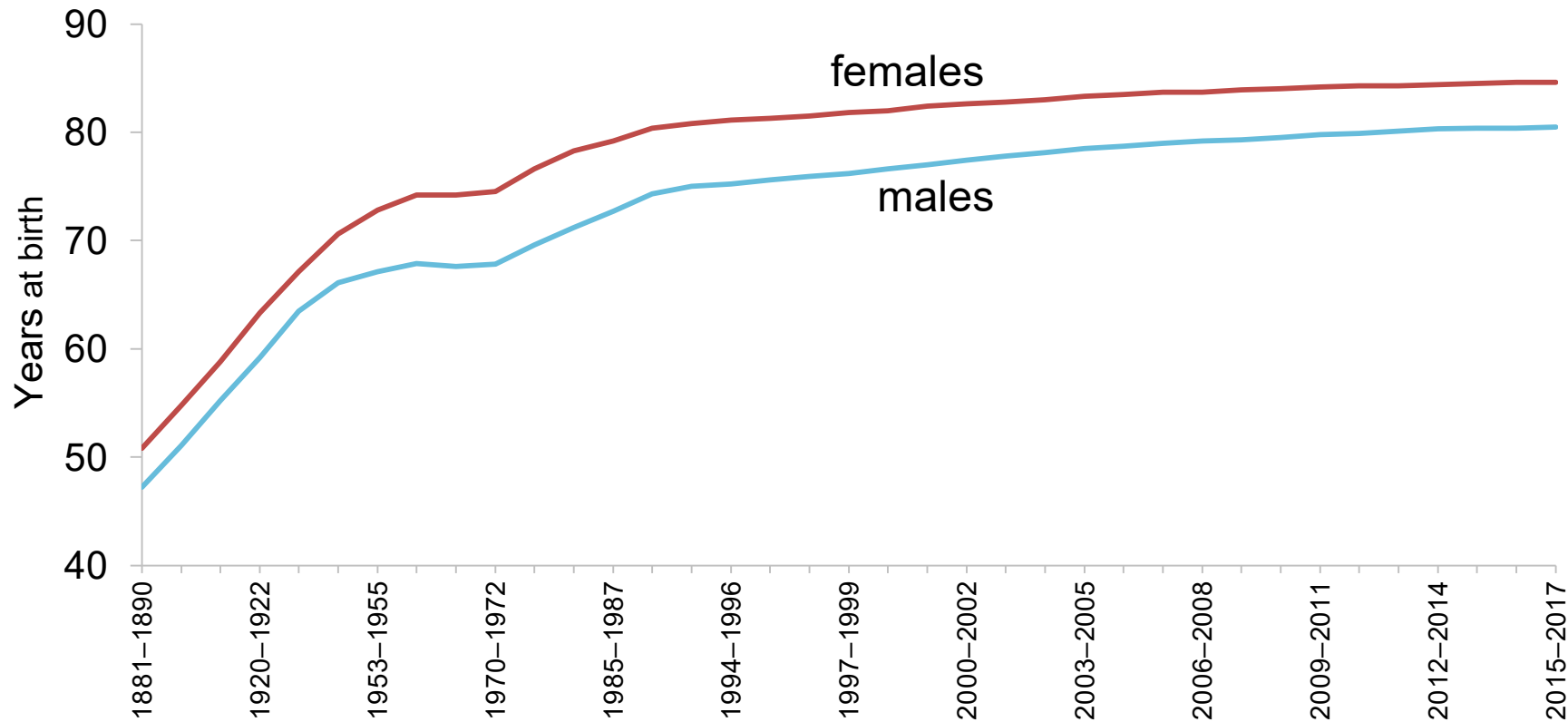




Health spending has risen in significance, 1971-2018

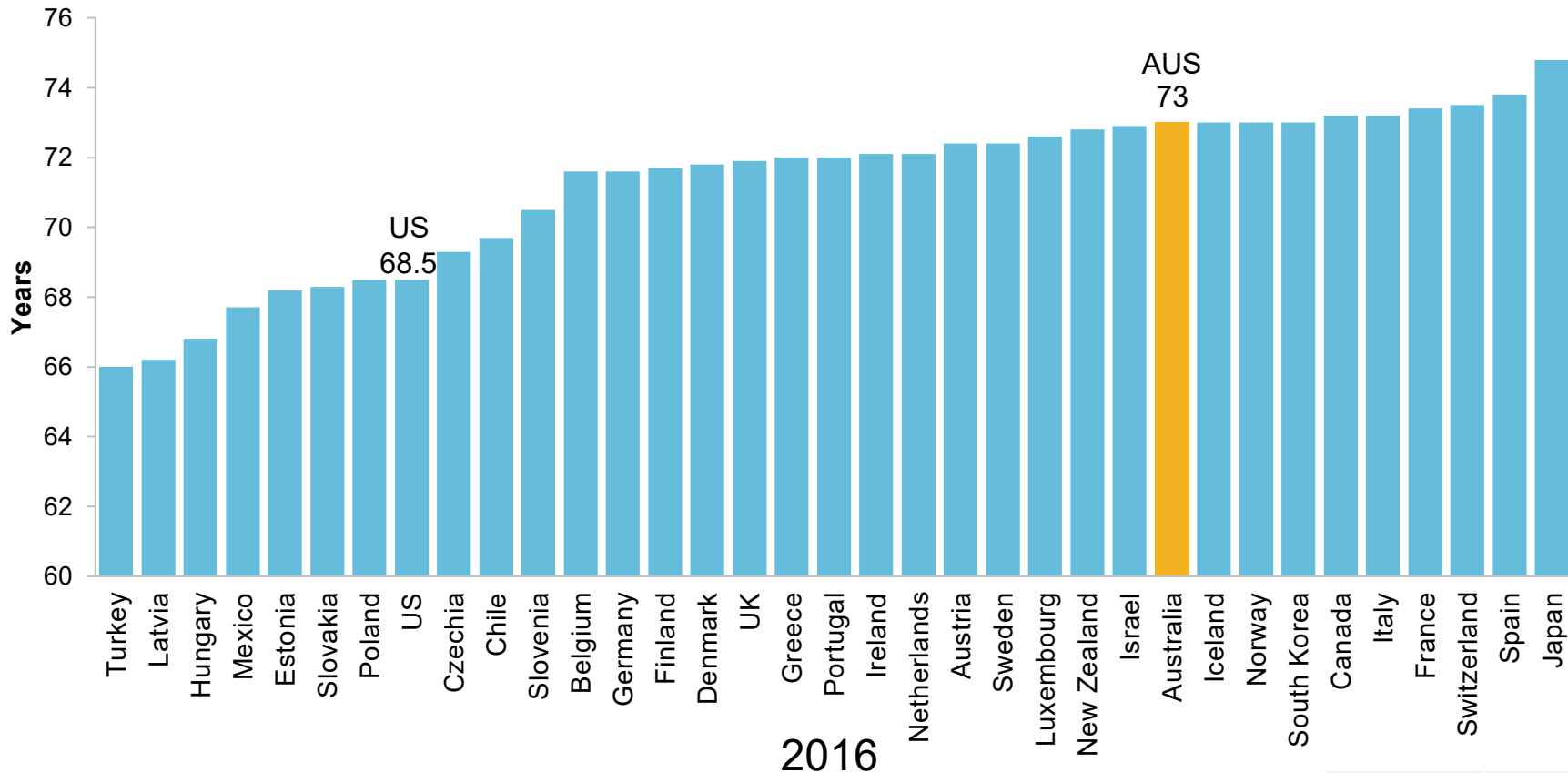


▶ Life expectancy – a 20th century success story, 1881-2017





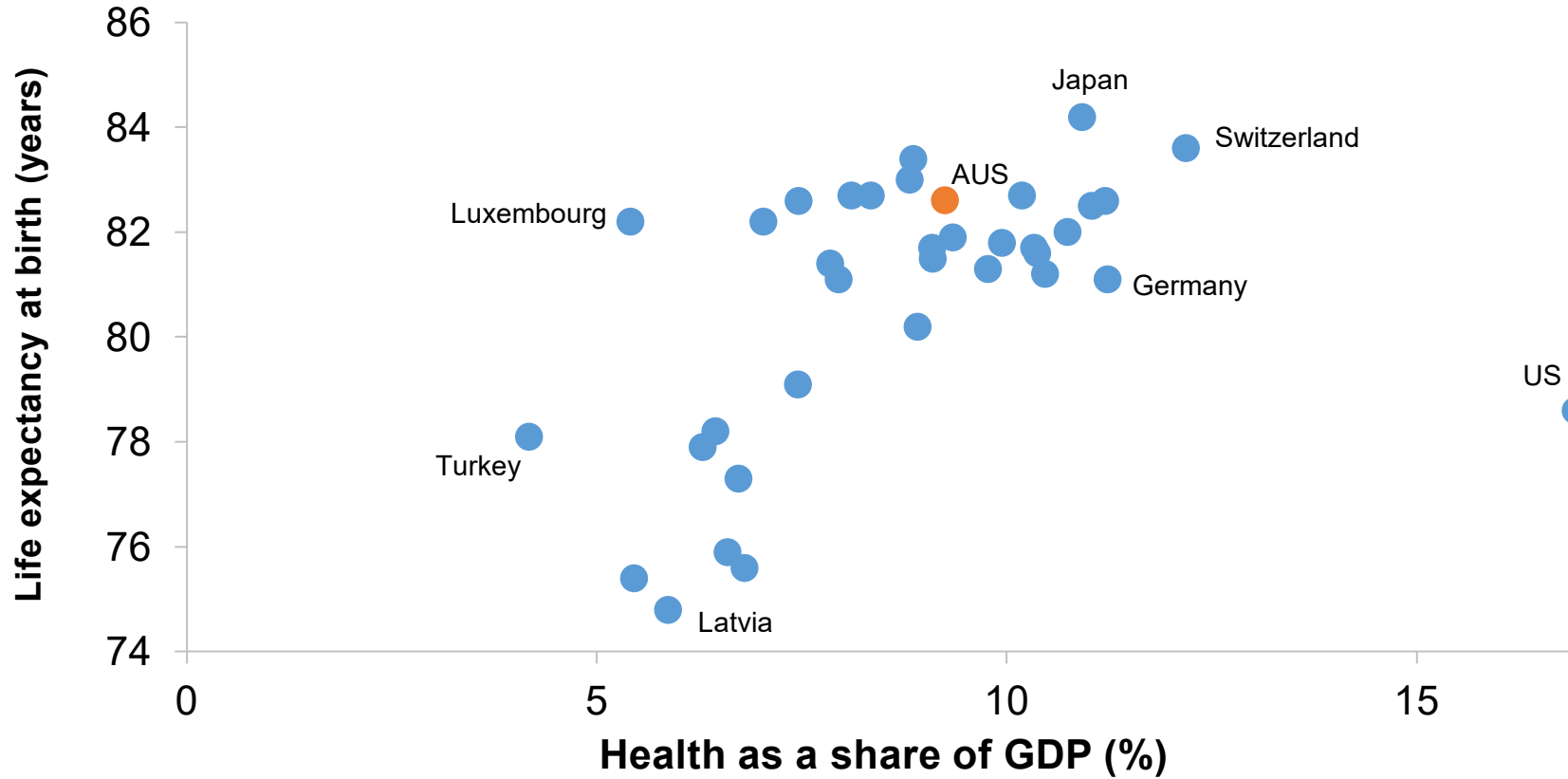
Healthy life expectancy is good too



2016

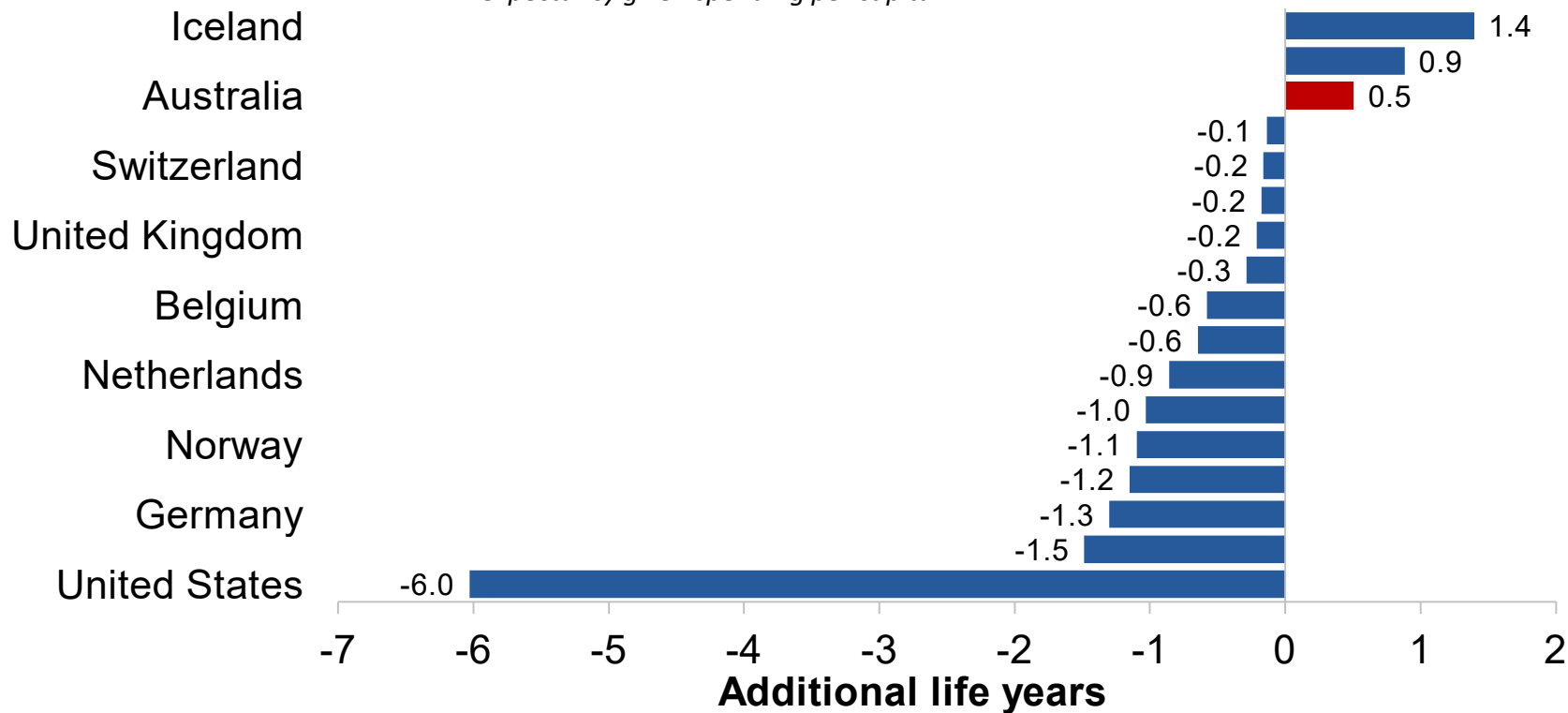


► High life expectancy for \$ spent

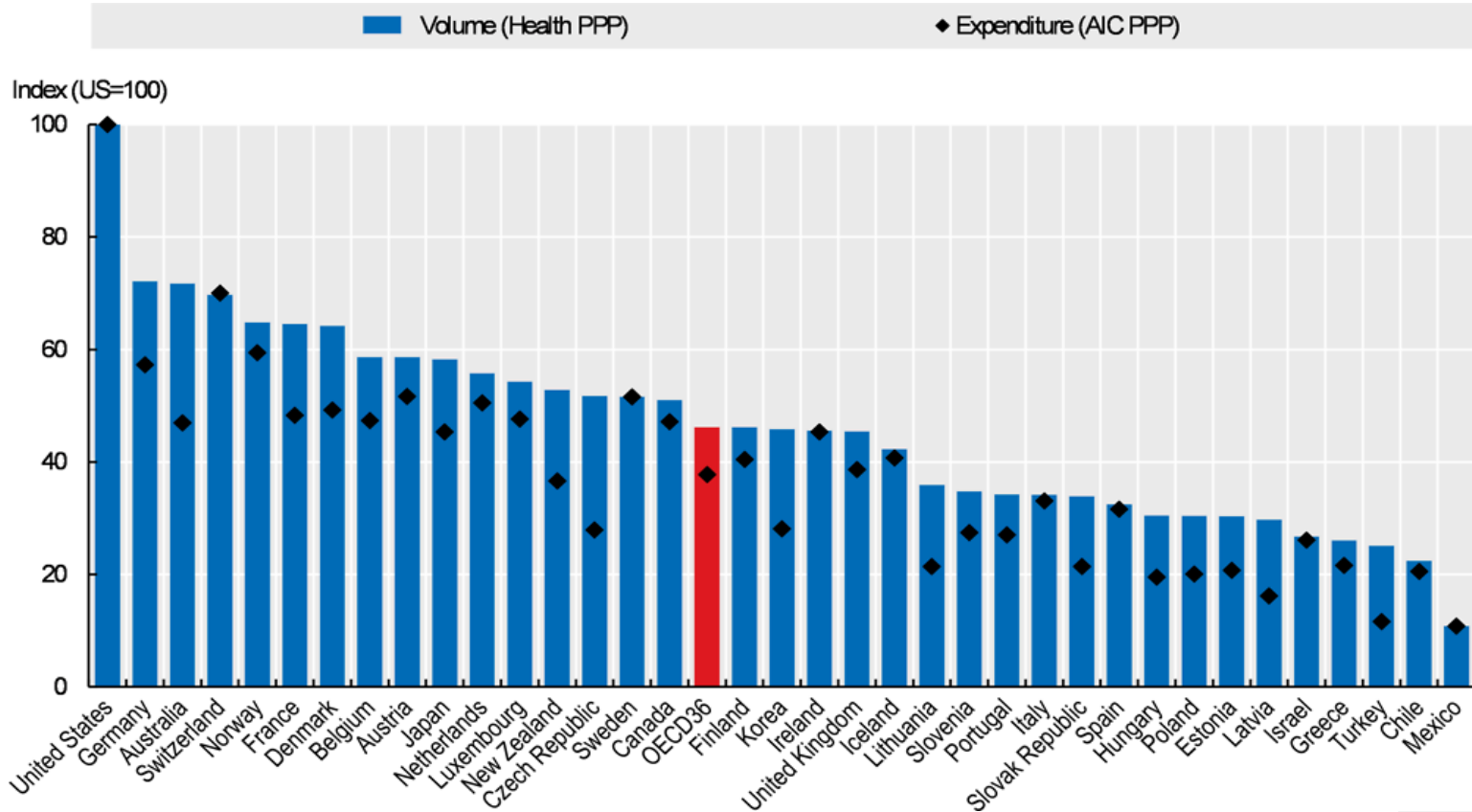


► Good value for money

Difference between actual life expectancy and life expectancy given spending per capita



Australia has a high volume model



▶ Health care usage is climbing

